

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
Maryland Historical Trust HISTORIC PROPERTIES
State Historic Sites Inventory Form *Election Dist. 4*

Survey No. BA 739
Magi No. 0307392704
DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Quinn House

and/or common Rutherford House

2. Location

street & number 18 Chatsworth Avenue

☐ not for publication

city, town Glyndon

☐ vicinity of

Councilmanic District 3rd
congressional district 2nd

state Maryland

county Baltimore County

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Randy Steven Quinn & Julie Ann Quinn

street & number 18 Chatsworth Avenue

telephone no.: 410-517-0857

city, town Glyndon

state and zip code MD 21071-0266

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courts Building

SM
liber 13154

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue

folio 727

city, town Towson

state MD 21204

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title National Register Survey of Glyndon

date July 31, 1972

☒ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 100 Community Place

city, town Crownsville

state MD 21032

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Quinn House probably began as the Dawson House, possibly in the building season of 907. It is an L-shaped house in frame and clapboard with the short leg of the "L" at the rear. The wrap-around front porch is embraced by the inner angle of the L-shaped footprint. This is a vernacular style house of Victorian proportions, with several touches of applied decoration. In the gable peak facing the street there is applied decoration topped by a finial. The porch posts are made of wooden lacework made by a scroll saw. The main roof and the porch roof are standing-seam sheet metal, brightly painted in red. Window frames are green to contrast with the cream colored wall covering. This house is painted in correct Victorian colors and set amid flowering trees and garden plants. This is a small house but a good example of a Gothic cottage in the Downing-Vaux tradition. This structure probably had no architect unless it was built from a mail-order plan.



8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
1907–1915	Unknown
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Quinn House on Chatsworth Avenue was not volunteered for the local historical district established in 1981 although it was already in the National Register Historic District established in 1972. At the time that Rodd L. Wheaton prepared the National Register nomination, there was very little documentation required by the Federal program. This house was not written up at all, although given a site number as a contributing resource of the district. This house is now being volunteered for the Baltimore County Preliminary Landmarks List.

No house appeared at this location in the 1898 *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland*, by George W. Bromley but it did appear with the name "Dawson" in the 1915 edition of the same atlas. The 1915 atlas places the Dawson house as a frame structure on the third lot east of Railroad Avenue, which arouses suspicion that the atlas location of property owners is not as accurate as the present-day tax map. The house was probably built about 1907, the year after Harry E. Goodwin sold part of a recorded subdivision to Mrs. Elmira Dawson on September 17, 1906 (Deeds WPC 302:373). Mrs. Dawson paid \$1600 for several lots with a 350-foot frontage on what was then called Reisterstown Avenue, today known as Chatsworth Avenue. When the second generation of Dawsons sold this property in 1951, the deed stated that this was "the same house and lot whereon said Elmira Dawson resided at the time of the execution of her last will and testament, November 18, 1920." Mrs. Dawson lived until 1929, devising the property to her son, Howard E. Dawson (Wills WJP 25:346). The house of interest in this nomination eventually sat upon a lot 55-feet wide, the other lots presumably sold by Mrs. Dawson early in the 20th century.

When Howard M. Dawson, a grandson, disposed of the property in 1951, the deed stated that this was parts of Lots 19, 20, and 21 in Section 2 of Plat No. 1 of "Emory Grove or Reisterstown Depot Town Lots" described in a deed from Dr. Charles A. Leas and wife to Louis R. Jones in 1873. This is the same wording used in the 1906 deed to Elmira Dawson. Dr. Leas referenced in the deed description had been one of the three founders of Glyndon and created many town lots from his rural estate.

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In 1951, Howard M. Dawson and wife conveyed the 55-foot-wide lot to George H. and Virginia Steuart (Deeds GLB 2026:506). Only two years later, the Steuarts conveyed to Reisterstown real estate broker J. Temple Smith. Bernard J. Medairy, Jr., Towson attorney, acquired this house in 1853 and conveyed in turn to Elizabeth M. Brown. But Elizabeth M. Brown was unable to pay and Medairy held a public auction in 1957, selling to several members of the Reter family (Deeds GLB 3239:227). The Reters conveyed to a trustee in 1968. Then Paul J. and Bertha M. Rutheford acquired the property in 1968. It was Mrs. Rutherford's house at the time of the Glyndon historical survey, Mr. Rutherford having died on September 1, 1973. The Rutherford estate sold the property to the present owners, the Quinns on September 17, 1998.

Summary: The significance of this house lies in its design and architecture rather than the prominence of its several owners, none of whom played a pivotal role in founding Glyndon as a Victorian suburb.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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No prior study.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 0.35Quadrangle name Reisterstown, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	Zone	Easting	Northing

C			

D			

E			

F			

G			

H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Rectangular lot, Map 48, Grid 6, Parcel P200. Width, 55 feet; depth 280 feet.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	None	code	county	code
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state	None	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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